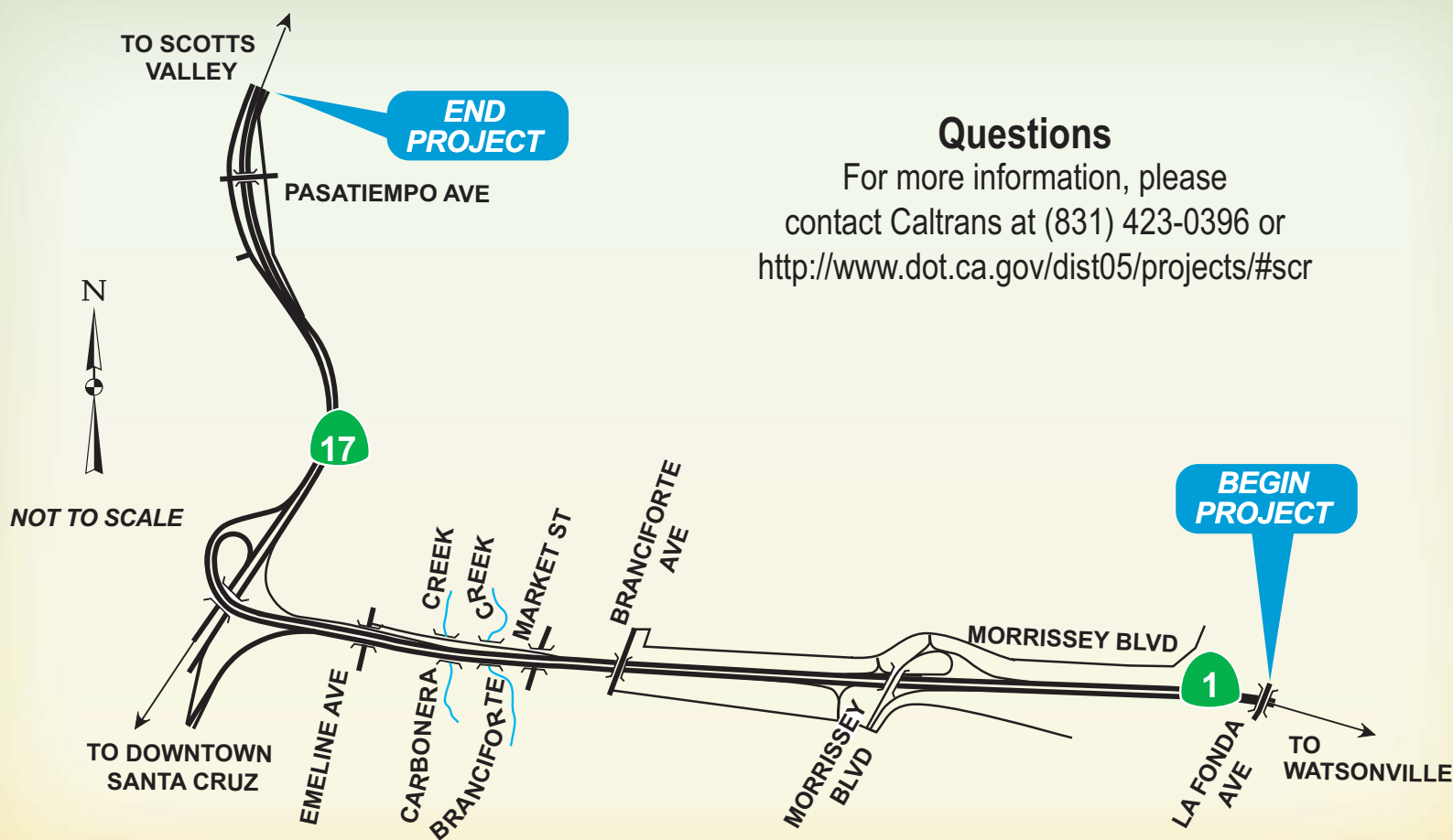


# Route 1/17 Widening for Merge Lanes, City of Santa Cruz

<b>Project Purpose</b>	The purpose of the proposed project is to target specific areas within the Route 1/17 interchange where cost effective improvements can be implemented to address localized safety and operational deficiencies.	
<b>Background</b>	Motorists traveling northbound on Route 1 and southbound on Route 17 must navigate the 1/17 interchange through loop ramps and difficult merges. The traffic volumes through the interchange have surpassed the original design volumes, resulting in congestion, inefficient traffic flow and accidents.	
<b>Project Description</b>	The proposed project would add merge lanes to the connection between northbound Route 1 and northbound Route 17, and to southbound Route 1 through the 1/17 interchange. Existing bridge structures would be widened or replaced, and soundwalls constructed. The project area would be landscaped with redwoods, live oaks, and vines playing a prominent role in the proposed planting design.	
<b>Project Cost</b>	Construction cost: \$52 million estimated	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	The project is proposed to be funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	
<b>Project Timeline</b>	Right of Way Clearance:	Spring 2005
	Anticipated Construction Start:	Winter 2005/06
	Construction Complete:	Winter 2008/09



## Questions

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